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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 November 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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III. DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-25 are presented for examination.

Response to Applicant' Remarks

2. Applicant's arguments filed on 11-22-2004 with respect to the rejected claims in view of the cited references have been fully considered but they are moot in view of the new grounds of Rejections.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated over Walsh et al. (U. S. Patent No. 6,810,429).

As to Claim 1, Walsh et al. discloses a data processing including a legacy data base management system which honors a service request by executing an ordered sequence of command language script coupled to a publicly accessible digital data communication network, the improvement comprising:

a. a response generated by the legacy data base management system which is not in XML format by executing the ordered sequence of command language script to honor the service request

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(Walsh et al. fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 57- col. 10, lines 67; and

b. a facility for converting the response into an XML message (col. 3, lines 5-13 and fig. 1b) which is transferrable over the publicly accessible digital data communication network (Fig. 1b).

As to Claim 2, Walsh et al. discloses a data processing system wherein the facility further comprises

an output definition table (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67).

As to Claim 3, Walsh et al. discloses a data processing System wherein the facility further comprises

a document type definition corresponding to the XML message (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67).

As to Claim 4, Walsh et al. discloses a data processing System wherein

the facility includes storage for the output definition table (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67).

As to Claim 5, Walsh et al. discloses a data processing

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system wherein the facility further comprises

a repository responsively coupled to the legacy data base management system wherein the ordered sequence of command language script the output definition table and the document type definition are stored within the repository (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67).

As to Claim 6, Walsh et al. discloses an apparatus comprising:

a. a publicly accessible digital data communication network (fig. 1b);

b. a data base management system having an internal format different from XML responsively coupled to the publicly accessible digital data communication network which generates a response in the internal format by executing an ordered sequence of command language script (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67); and

c. an Output Definition Table which converts the response into an XML document (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67) for transmission on the publically accessible digital data communication network (fig. 1b).

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As to Claim 7, Walsh et al. discloses an apparatus comprising:

a Document Type Definition (DTD) which defines a format of the XML document (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67).

As to Claim 8, Walsh et al. discloses an apparatus comprising:

a repository within the data base management system for storage of the Output Definition Table (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67).

As to Claim 9, Walsh et al. discloses an apparatus comprising:

a window for user activation of the Output Definition Table (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67).

As to Claim 10, Walsh et al. discloses an apparatus wherein the publicly accessible digital data communication system further comprises

the Internet (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67).

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As to Claim 11, Walsh et al. discloses a method of supplying a response from a data base management system comprising:

- a. transferring a service request to the data base management system via a publically accessible digital data communication network (fig. 1b, 2, 4);
- b. processing the service request by the data base management system to produce a response (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67);
- c. converting the response into an XML document using an Output Definition Table (ODT) (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67); and
- d. transmitting the XML document via the publically accessible digital data communication network (fig. 1b, 2, 4).

As to Claim 12, Walsh et al. discloses a method wherein the converting step includes use of a Document Type Definition corresponding to the XML document (i.e. dtd. fig. 1b, 2, 4).

As to Claim 13, Walsh et al. discloses a method wherein the Output Definition Table is dynamically generated from storage (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67).

As to Claim 14, Walsh et al. discloses a method wherein the converting step further comprises

an XML element to source mapping tree containing an internal representation that assures conformance to the Document Type Definition (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67).

As to Claim 15, Walsh et al. discloses a method wherein the publically accessible digital data communication network further comprises

the Internet (fig. 1b, 2, 4).

As to Claim 16, Walsh et al. discloses an apparatus comprising:

a. transmitting means for transmitting an XML document via a publicly accessible digital data communication network (fig. 1b, 2, 4);

b. processing means responsively coupled to the transmitting means for processing a service request to produce a response (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67);

c. converting means responsively coupled to the processing means for converting the response into the XML document (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67); and

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d. sending means responsively coupled to the converting means (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67) and the transmitting means for sending the XML document to the transmitting means for transmission via the publicly accessible digital data communication network (fig. 1b, 2, 4).

As to Claim 17, Walsh et al. discloses an apparatus comprising: wherein the processing means further comprises a repository (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67).

As to Claim 18, Walsh et al. discloses an apparatus comprising:

defining means for defining a format of the XML document (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67).

As to Claim 19, Walsh et al. discloses an apparatus comprising: wherein the transmitting means further comprises the Internet (fig. 1b, 2, 4).

As to Claim 20, Walsh et al. discloses an apparatus comprising: wherein the storing means stores the defining means for future use (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67).

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As to Claim 21, Walsh et al. discloses an apparatus apparatus for honoring a data processing service request comprising:

a. A user terminal which generates the service request (fig. 1b, 2, 4);

b. A legacy data base management system having a data base in a legacy format which honors the service request by executing an ordered sequence of command language script responsively coupled to the user terminal via a publicly accessible digital data communication network (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51-67);

c. A first response in the legacy format generated by the legacy data base management system by executing the ordered sequence of command language script (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67);

d. A conversion facility responsively coupled to the legacy data base management system which converts the first response in the legacy format into a second response embodied as an XML message (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67); and

e. A transfer facility for transferring the XML message from the legacy data base management system to the user terminal via the publicly accessible digital data communication network (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67).

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As to Claim 22, Walsh et al. discloses an apparatus for honoring a data processing service request further comprising a Document Type Definition (DTD) which defines a format of the XML message (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67).

As to Claim 23, Walsh et al. discloses an apparatus for honoring a data processing service request further comprising a repository within the legacy data base management system for storage of the ordered sequence of command language script (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67).

As to Claim 24, Walsh et al. discloses an apparatus for honoring a data processing service request further comprising a window for user activation of the XML message at the user terminal (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67).

As to Claim 25, Walsh et al. discloses an apparatus for honoring a data processing service request wherein the publicly accessible digital data communication system further comprises the Internet (fig. 1b, 2, 4 and col. 9, lines 51- 67).

Conclusion

5. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL, Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this office action. Accordingly, *THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL*. See MPEP 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory- period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply-expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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Points of contact

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yicun Wu whose telephone number is 571-272-4087. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday -Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin can be reached on 571-272-4146. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2100.

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